



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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County Board Votes to Confirm Hector Colon as Director of DHHS

Compromise ensures accountability and continued oversight

MILWAUKEE – The Milwaukee County Board voted today to confirm County Executive Chris Abele’s appointment of Hector Colon as Director of the Department of Health and Human Services after reaching a compromise to extend his term for two years, rather than four.

“Today’s compromise to establish a probationary period for Director Colon reflects the serious and legitimate concerns raised about the Administration’s lack of urgency in their response to the crisis at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake.”

“The mismanagement of our local youth detention center has frustrated efforts to create local placement alternatives. We expect that Director Colon will address the real concerns he has heard and will hold him accountable for his actions,” said Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr.

With regard to juvenile justice, the County Board has a legislative oversight role, and will appropriately hold the Director accountable for the implementation of adopted policies that are intended to provide the Judiciary with alternative placement options so that Milwaukee County youth no longer have to be sent to Lincoln Hills or Copper Lake.

Among other policies, the Board has taken action to establish 68 Milwaukee County Accountability Program (MCAP) beds, a 365 day local placement plan, and to provide \$500,000 in emergency funding to carry out these policies.

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